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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER'S APPRECIATION OF SECRETARY SIMON'S
LETTER

1. ON TWO SEPARATE RECENT OCCASIONS FINANCE MINISTER FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIAKE HAS ORALLY EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE JANUARY 22 LETTER FROM SECRETARY SIMON WHICH AMBASSADOR HAD FORWARDED TO HIM EARLIER THIS MONTH. LETTER HAD COMMENTED ON BANDARANAIAKE'S BUDGET SPEECH.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS NOW RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SENIOR FINANCE MINISTRY CIVIL SERVANT, DR. LAL JAYAWARDENA, ON THE MINISTER'S BEHALF, EXPRESSING LATTER'S THANKS FOR THE SIMON LETTER, HIS INTEREST IN REACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE POLICIES OUTLINED IN HIS NOVEMBER BUDGET SPEECH, AND HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE U.S. IN GRANTS AND CREDITS TO SRI LANKA'S ECONOMIC DECELOPMENT.
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